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**Applicant:** Satoshi Yoshihara  
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**AMENDMENT C**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**S I R:**

In response to the Office Action of April 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.